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Too much of our freedom is already being circumscribed to benefit the bottom lines of giant conglomerates -- stand up for the PEOPLE, like you're supposed to, and stop this! The recording industry is still trying to cling to a dead business model, and helping the broadcast guys do the same will be bad for consumers, and in the end not actually help them. People will continue to gravitate toward value, and you can't force them to buy overpriced crap, no matter how much of this BS you agree to. If you mandate flags, somebody will just engineer a hack, but we'll all pay more for less in the meantime. Just say NO to digital tyranny!

A concerned digital consumer

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As an IT manager, I am also very concerned that the use of a broadcast flag may cause the cost of supporting computer systems to skyrocket for American businesses. This may be an unintended consequence that the attempt to lock up all content may have.

As a citizen and consumer of broadcast television, I urge you to promote the digital transition by opposing the broadcast flag.

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Dear Commissioner Copps,

I am writing to you because of the threat of putting broadcast flags into television programs. I think it is a bad deal for consumers because if you record something that has a broadcast flag in it you won't be able to watch it on any other player but the one you recorded it on. Which I think is unreasonable. It hurts the consumers the people that buy the products. I realize that the companies want to find a way to prevent piracy but this is the wrong way to go about it in my opinion. Hurting everybody just because of what some people are doing is not fair. Pay per view and video on demand might be effected in a negative way because people might not buy from them if the content has broadcast flags in the programs. I bought something from pay per view a few days ago and I cannot play it on my DVD player in the living room or the one on my computer. If video on demand starts doing this I will stop buying from them as well. Digital should not mean less rights to the consumer. It should make it easier for people to watch and record programs not more inconvenient. I do believe copy protection does have a reason to prevent piracy but there is such a thing as going too far. Instead of totally preventing people from viewing stuff they record off the television companies should make their own software and sell it to consumers.

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I am an honest American who uses all my equipment in a totally personal way, my home use and only my home use. You can be sure that if you start messing with my fair use rights, I will stop buying all new equipment and use my dollars for travel or food. Go after the criminals and stop making us honest consumers pay the price for criminals we can't control. Getting the bad guys is your job, but not at the average American's expense. Thank you, Helen R. Masters.

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The broadcast flag is neither in my interest nor the public's interest. It will prevent me from watching digital broadcast television in the ways I currently enjoy analog broadcast television—for example, it will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room-to-room and place-to-place

The broadcast flag will also lock out my computer as a way to watch my favorite shows using my choice of software on a plane or train, or to send a television clip of a high school football game to family and friends

Furthermore, if computers cannot freely receive digital television, how can I expect creative developers to discover new devices that enable me to use content in exciting ways I haven't even thought of? I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using inexpensive, off-the-shelf computer parts.

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